

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, starting from line 2 and ending at line 3, as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Application No. 09/414,710, filed on October 8, 1999 and incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, starting from line 26 and ending on page 7, at line 7, as follows:

After the category is chosen, the service provider clicks on Continue 1020, and in one embodiment, a logic unit within the controller computer 300 then presents the service provider with a web page 1200 as illustrated in FIG. 4. The web page 1200 requests the service provider to create a listing for the information the service provider will be providing through the web site. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 4, the web site allows the service provider to list information in two formats, a live answer format or a recorded format. The live answer format is described in more detail in ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Application No. 09/414,710, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein. Through this web page 1200, the controller computer requests the service provider to designate a format 1210, e.g., Recorded Listing, and to provide a title 1220 and a text description 1230 of the information that the service provider will be providing. The web page 1200 also requests the service provider to designate a price 1240 for the information to be provided. The embodiment in FIG. 4 shows the price 1240 as being a price per minute, but the price need not be a rate per period of time and may also include a flat price. As shown in FIG. 4A, the web page 1200 may accept additional descriptive information, such as a photo of the service provider, and offer the listing and the description in different languages.

Please also amend the paragraph on page 11, starting from line 15 and ending at line 28, as follows:

FIG. 6 shows similar listing information about San Fran Steven's Sailing Advisor 1520 and Sailing Tricks 1530. Sailing Advisor is a live answer format information product, as indicated by the words "Live Answer" 1522 as well as by the telephone image 1523. The Sailing Advisor listing 1520 further gives an indication of the service provider's current availability 1524, which the service provider may change by selecting the unmarked box. As a live answer format product, the service provider further has the option of creating a schedule 1525 as part of the listing to indicate when the service provider is available to provide live answers, as described in more detail in ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Application No. 09/414,710. Sailing Tricks is another recorded format information product, as shown by the words "Recorded" 1532 and the headphone image 1533. The listing 1530 indicates that Sailing Tricks has not yet been recorded and directs the service provider to click "Update" 1534 in order to record the information. In the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 6, the preview web page also provides other information 1540 and marketing tips 1550 that the service provider may find useful.